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SUBJECT: DEFENSE COOPERATION -- GOI PROPOSES NEW JOINT
EXERCISE

REF: JAKARTA 1338 AND PREVIOUS

Classified By: Ambassador Cameron R. Hume, reasons 1.4 (b+d).

[1](#)1. (C) SUMMARY: GOI officials have proposed a new three-way joint counternarcotics training exercise to be discussed at the next Indonesia-U.S. Security Dialogue (IUSSD) in the Spring of 2009. The exercise would involve PACOM/JIATF West, the Indonesian National Police (Polri) and the Indonesian Military (TNI). END SUMMARY.

[1](#)2. (C) Indonesia wants to find a way for the U.S. military to resume counternarcotics training with Indonesia. Bunyan Saptomo, Director for North American Affairs at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DEPLU), proposed this to the DCM during a September 18 meeting. (Note: The GOI previously halted all U.S. military training for the Indonesian police. They requested that U.S. civilians provide training for the police while the U.S. military could provide training for the Indonesian military. See reftels.)

[1](#)3. (C) Saptomo proposed a three-way training exercise involving the U.S. military (PACOM), the Indonesian National Police, and the Indonesian Military as a first step. (Note: Please see paragraph 5 for the text of a nonpaper Saptomo provided on the proposal.) He noted that FM Wirajuda already raised this idea with the Secretary when they met on the margins of the ASEAN Regional Forum in Singapore in July. Saptomo proposed that the idea be discussed at the next Indonesia-U.S. Security Dialogue, slated for the Spring 2009.

[1](#)4. (C) The DCM reiterated the importance that the USG places on security cooperation with Indonesia and said we looked forward to discussing the proposal at the next IUSSD. (Note: It is not clear whether there is a GOI interagency consensus in support of the proposed exercise.)

[1](#)5. (SBU) Begin text of nonpaper:

JOINT EXERCISE WITH USPACOM

Concerning the plan to carry out a joint exercise between the United States Pacific Command (USPACOM) and the Indonesian National Police (Polri), we propose to have a tripartite Joint Exercise between USPACOM, the Indonesian National Police (Polri), and the Indonesian Armed Forces, instead of a joint exercise which only involves USPACOM and Polri.

This matter has been discussed between Minister for Foreign Affairs Hassan Wirajuda and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice during ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Singapore, July 2008.

Nevertheless, this matter should be included as one of several issues to be discussed in the next IUSSD (Indonesia-U.S. Security Dialogue) meeting, as a formal dialog forum for cooperation on security and defense between the two governments.

End text.
HUME